PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Phillip MERRICK, et al.   Attorney Docket A7145

Appln. No.: 09/274,979

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For: XML REMOTE PROCEDURE CALL (XML-RPC)   **RECEIVED**

AMENDMENT   JAN 1 7 2003

Commissioner for Patents   Technology Center 2100
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed September 26, 2002, please amend the above

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

125.   A method of invoking a service at a first machine from a second machine,
comprising the steps of generating a service invocation request at said second machine using a
markup language-based message encoding, and transmitting said service invocation request from
said second machine, wherein said message includes plural elements and wherein all of said
elements have element type indicators selected from an encoding group having a predetermined
number of members, with at least two of said members designating elements containing other
elements having element type indicators belonging to said group.

126.   A method of invoking a service at a first machine, comprising the steps of:

receiving at said first machine a service invocation request generated at a second

machine in compliance with a markup language-based message encoding, wherein said